

THE HOMEWORK LOSER

"Al Smith, I did not get your homework. I think you did not turn it [in/ be/ cat]," said Mrs. Crump. "Where is it? [As/ Do/ I] want it right now!"

Al looked [at/ lit/ you] his teacher and then he quickly [spy/ rest/ made] up a lie to tell her. [But/ How/ He] said, "I do not have my homework. [Wind/ But/ Ship] I have a good excuse. I [did/ up/ suit] not turn in my homework because [of/ met/ day] my new dog. I have a [stop/ new/ it] dog at home and his name [lie/ is/ we] Bully. Bully ate my homework last [night/ keep/ seat]. I was asleep and did not [hear/ lone/ dine] him. I will make sure he doesn't [son/ just/ eat] my homework again. I promise!"

Mrs. Crump [sing/ did/ low] not believe Al's tale. She frowned [if/ cot/ at] him. She wanted to fuss at [way/ lone/ him] but she did not have time. [Rid/ She/ Car] had to teach the spelling lesson.

Al [frame/ smiled/ center] to himself. He had gotten out [owl/ be/ of] trouble again! He did not like [far/ it/ to] do homework. He made up stories [place/ about/ where] why he did not have his homework.

[Lift/ Hole/ The] next day, Mrs. Crump asked for [win/ his/ too] homework and again Al made up a [east/ win/ lie]. "I do not have it. I think [I/ as/ go] must have left it on the [ask/ wit/ bus]. I am sorry and I will [plow/ bring/ wrong] it tomorrow," said Al.

"Very well," [star/ said/ other] Mrs. Crump, "but you had better bring

[it/ pin/ jar] in. You will be in trouble [if/ far/ we] you do not!"

Al went home [tick/ after/ suit] school. He did not do his homework. [He/ Set/ Cut] played ball with his friends and [dog/ five/ then] he watched TV.

The next morning Mrs. Crump [mood/ asked/ safe] for his homework. "I do not [have/ new/ this] it," said Al. "The wind blew [cat/ it/ pie] away. I could not catch it. [At/ Go/ I] am sorry. I will bring it tomorrow." Mrs. Crump [teen/ did/ shoe] not say anything.

After school, Mrs. Crump [safe/ early/ gave] Al a note. "Give this note [owl/ to/ say] your parents," she said. Al was [barks/ cabin/ afraid] to give the note to his parents. [Cap/ Hop/ It] said that he had not turned [in/ bad/ so] his homework. Mrs. Crump said that Al had [lied/ only/ hill].

Al's parents were mad and said, "[Fat/ No/ Top] TV or playing ball for two [weeks/ fair/ over]. You will have to work in [hid/ else/ the] yard," they said. Al cut the [bigger/ grass/ seems] and he pulled weeds. It was [try/ pass/ hard] work and he missed his friends.

[Word/ Out/ But] Al learned a lesson. He learned [not/ in/ fan] to lie. He learned that it [fun/ is/ onto] better to do his homework than [for/ to/ us] lie to his teacher.